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Dear Dr. Mader:

The California Department of Health Services (DHS) is preparing to submit a renewal application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to extend the Family Planning, Access, Care, and Treatment (Family PACT) Waiver for 3 years. The Family PACT Waiver authorizes DHS to provide low-income women and men access to health information, counseling, and family planning services to reduce the likelihood of unintended pregnancy and improve reproductive health. Family PACT Waiver services are available statewide to eligible individuals.

Pursuant to State Medicaid Director Letter #01-024, dated July 17, 2001, DHS is required to advise and seek consultation from federally recognized Tribal governments in the planning and development of new Medicaid waiver proposals and in the renewal of existing Medi-Cal waivers. To meet this requirement, we are requesting the assistance of the California Area Indian Health Service and its Advisory Committee to disseminate this letter and the enclosed "Family PACT Waiver Summary".

The Department of Health Services appreciates your efforts to solicit comments and publicize the renewal and amendment of its Medicaid Waiver programs. Your posting of the Request for Tribal Consultation on your Internet website and the notification letters sent to other Indian Tribal organizations has been effective in assisting DHS to meet the intent of the CMS State Medicaid Director Letter.

We are requesting that Tribal governments review this letter and the attached "Family PACT Waiver Summary" and provide written comments no later than 30 days from the date of this letter to Ms. Patricia Lof, via e-mail at Pllof@dhs.ca.gov or by mail to the Home and Community-Based Services Waiver Unit, Medi-Cal Policy Division,

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1500 Capitol Avenue, MS4600, P. O. Box 997417, Sacramento, CA 95899-7417. If you have any questions or require additional information before submitting your comments, please contact Ms. June Dolcini at (916) 552-9658.

If specifically requested by federally recognized Tribal Governments in writing during the 30-day response period, the State may provide an opportunity for an in-person meeting with Tribal representatives to discuss any significant issues as necessary.

Thank you for your assistance in this effort.

Sincerely,



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**Family Planning, Access, Care & Treatment Waiver
Project Identification Number 11-W-00129/9**

Type of Waiver: 1115 Demonstration Project
Expiration Date: November 30, 2004
Enrollment Cap: None
Current Recipients: 1,630,971
Renewal: Effective 12/1/04
Average Per Capita Cost: \$266
State Policy Contact: Medi-Cal Policy Division, (916) 552-9600
State Program Contact: Office of Family Planning, (916) 650-0446

Eligibility Requirements:

- Be a resident of California.
- Be at risk of pregnancy or causing pregnancy.
- Have a gross family income at or below 200% poverty level.
- Have no other source of health care coverage for family planning services.

Services Provided:

- All FDA approved birth control methods, devices and supplies that are in keeping with current standards of practice.
- Comprehensive reproductive health history, physical examination and pap smear.
- Emergency services directly related to the contraceptive method and follow-up.
- Pregnancy testing and counseling.
- Prevention and treatment of Sexually Transmitted Infections.
- HIV testing and counseling
- Limited diagnostic services for fertility management.
- Male and female sterilization.
- Reproductive health education and counseling services